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3 wherein at least part of the condensate of the second stage is recycled to the  
4 bottoms product.

1 17. (Amended) A process according to claim 14, wherein the  
2 condensate is recycled in such an amount that the water/alcohol ratio of the  
3 solution in the bottoms product remains constant.

1 18. (Amended) A process according to claim 14, wherein the  
2 bottoms product is distilled by flash evaporation.

1 19. (Amended) A process according to claim 14 including the  
2 steps of concentrating aqueous ethanolic plant drug extracts having an ethanol  
3 content of at least 20 vol.-%.

1 Claim 20 has been cancelled

1 Claim 21 has been cancelled

1 22. (Newly Added) A vacuum distillation plant according to  
2 claim 2, wherein the condenser is positioned in such way that the bottoms  
3 product serves as a heat carrier liquid for the condenser before being recycled  
4 to the evaporator.

1 23. (Newly Added) A vacuum distillation plant according to  
2 claim 2, wherein two to four condensation stages are provided with a  
3 rectification interposed between each of said condensation stages.

1 24. (Newly Added) A vacuum distillation plant according to  
2 claim 3, wherein two to four condensation stages are provided with a  
3 rectification interposed between each of said condensation stages.

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1                   25.   (Newly Added) A vacuum distillation plant according to  
2 claim 2, wherein all or part of the condensate of the last condensation stage is  
3 recycled to the evaporator.

1                   26.   (Newly Added) A vacuum distillation plant according to  
2 claim 3, wherein all or part of the condensate of the last condensation stage is  
3 recycled to the evaporator.

1                   27.   (Newly Added) A vacuum distillation plant according to  
2 claim 4, wherein all or part of the condensate of the last condensation stage is  
3 recycled to the evaporator.

1                   28.   (Newly Added) A vacuum distillation plant according to  
2 claim 2, wherein the condensate is fed into the evaporator above the liquid  
3 level of the bottoms product.

1                   29.   (Newly Added) A vacuum distillation plant according to  
2 claim 3, wherein the condensate is fed into the evaporator above the liquid  
3 level of the bottom product.

1                   30.   (Newly Added) A vacuum distillation plant according to  
2 claim 4, wherein the condensate is fed into the evaporator above the liquid  
3 level of the bottoms product.

1                   31.   (Newly Added) A vacuum distillation plant according to  
2 claim 5, wherein the condensate is fed into the evaporator above the liquid  
3 level of the bottoms product.

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1                   32.   (Newly Added) A vacuum distillation plant according to  
2   claim 6, wherein the condensate is fed into the evaporator above the liquid  
3   level of the bottoms product.

1                   33.   (Newly Added) A vacuum distillation plant according to  
2   claim 2, wherein the condensate is introduced into and mixed with the bottoms  
3   product and the mixture is introduced into the evaporator.

1                   34.   (Newly Added) A vacuum distillation plant according to  
2   claim 3, wherein the condensate is introduced into and mixed with the bottoms  
3   product and the mixture is introduced into the evaporator.

1                   35.   (Newly Added) A vacuum distillation plant according to  
2   claim 4, wherein the condensate is introduced into and mixed with the bottoms  
3   product and the mixture is introduced into the evaporator.

1                   36.   (Newly Added) A vacuum distillation plant according to  
2   claim 5, wherein the condensate is introduced into and mixed with the bottoms  
3   product and the mixture is introduced into the evaporator.

1                   37.   (Newly Added) A vacuum distillation plant according to  
2   claim 6, wherein the condensate is introduced into and mixed with the bottoms  
3   product and the mixture is introduced into the evaporator.

1                   38.   (Newly Added) A vacuum distillation according to claim  
2   7, wherein the condensate is introduced into and mixed with the bottoms  
3   product and the mixture is introduced into the evaporator.

1                   39.   (Newly Added) A process according to claim 15, wherein  
2   two condensation steps are carried out in step c) starting from binary solutions

1                    46.    (Newly Added) A process according to claim 16,  
2    including the steps of concentrating aqueous ethanolic plant drug extracts  
3    having an ethanol content of at least 20 vol.-%.

1                   47.   (Newly Added) A process according to claim 17,  
2   including the steps of concentrating aqueous ethanolic plant drug extracts  
3   having an ethanol content of at least 20 vol.-%.

1                   48.   (Newly Added) A process according to claim 18,  
2   including the steps of concentrating aqueous ethanolic plant drug extracts  
3   having an ethanol content of at least 20 vol.-%.

1                   49.   (Newly Added) A process according to claim 14,  
2   including the step of concentrating aqueous ethanolic plant drug extracts  
3   having an ethanol content of from 30 to 70 vol.-%.

ABSTRACT:

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